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TO: All Interested Parties

PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS TO THE ZERO-EMISSION VEHICLE (ZEV) REGULATIONS

A public workshop to discuss proposed amendments to the Air Resources Board's (ARB or Board) ZEV program is scheduled for December 5 & 6, 2002. The proposed changes are designed to address issues raised by industry litigation and to take into account current conditions and trends in zero and near-zero emissions technology development. ARB staff will present initial ideas for addressing these issues and the rationale for such changes. Comments and public input presented at the workshop will be used in drafting a final proposal for the Board's consideration at its hearing on February 27 & 28, 2003.

A workshop agenda and related materials will be available prior to the workshop on the ARB website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/zevprog/2003rule/2003rule.htm> or by contacting ARB staff listed below. Details of the workshop are as follows:

Date: December 5 & 6, 2002

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: California Environmental Protection Agency
Central Valley Auditorium
1001 I Street
Sacramento, California 95812

Staff Contact: Thomas Evashenk (916) 445-8811
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Staff anticipates that there will be considerable public interest in this workshop and that many speakers may wish to provide comment. Consequently, those interested in presenting comments at the workshop are asked to pre-register in advance, using the form enclosed. Speakers who have not pre-registered will be accommodated to the maximum extent possible given the available time. In addition, interested parties may wish to submit written comments instead.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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For your information, ARB has a list serve established for the ZEV Program. If you sign up for this list serve, you will receive an e-mail notice when new information has been posted regarding the ZEV Program, including the 2003 ZEV Hearing. To subscribe to the ZEV Program list serve, please visit <http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/zev-program/zev-program.htm>. If you have questions concerning the list serve, please contact Ms. Lisa Kasper, Staff, Zero Emission Vehicle Implementation Section, at (916) 327-2932, or email her at lkasper@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Michael P. Kenny
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Enclosure